

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1296
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lily Mai Thomas Boyd
on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Lily Mai Thomas Boyd recently celebrated her 100th birthday on March 30, 2006, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the sixth child of eleven born to George and Florence Breshear Thomas, Lily Mai Thomas Boyd was born and raised in Linden, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boyd passed the State Teacher's Examination at fourteen years of age and taught elementary school in Perry County for three years before graduating from College Hill High School in Columbia, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lily Mai Thomas Boyd graduated from Tennessee State Agricultural and Industrial State Normal College in 1944 and taught school in Tennessee, and in Murray, Danville, and Ashland, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, Lily Mai Thomas was joined in marriage with Reverend Jesse Boyd, and Lily Mai Thomas Boyd inherited a ready-made family of five devoted children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boyd followed her husband, Reverend Jesse Boyd, to various pastoral assignments in the 13th Episcopal District of the AME Church in Kentucky and Tennessee, with the last assignment being Lee Chapel AME Church in Nashville, where Reverend Boyd passed in 1962; and

WHEREAS, from 1963 to 1974, Lily Mai Thomas Boyd served with devotion and integrity as Director of Missionary Education for the 13th Episcopal District of the AME Church; she was

president of the Nashville Branch of AME Ministers Wives for eight years, longer than any other presiding president; and she has been a life member of the Women's Missionary Society since 1966; she is also a life member of the National Council of Negro Women and has served on the Board of Directors for the Church Women United; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Lily Mai Thomas Boyd was consecrated a Deaconess in the 13th District's Annual Conference of the AME Church, and she was the Director of the Young People's Division in the Kentucky District of the AME Church; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Mrs. Boyd is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, AARP, and the Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her eleventh decade, Lily Mai Thomas Boyd is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lily Mai Thomas Boyd on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.